

2011-2012 Seasons, Dates and Limits

Species	Opening Date	Closing Date	Daily Bag Limit	Possession Limit	Season Limit
*Wild Boar (Gun)	October 22	October 29	1		
*Wild Boar (Archery)	October 15	December 31			
*Deer (Buck)	November 21	December 3	Refer to 2011-2012 Hunting and Trapping Regulations Summary available in July 2011 for specific information.		
*Deer (Archery)	September 12	September 17			
Split Season	October 1	December 31			
*Deer (Antlerless)	November 21**	December 10			
Split Season	December 28	December 31			
Hampshire & Hardy (Portion north of Corridor H and Old Rt. 55 from Wardensville to VA Stateline) Counties	October 28	October 29			
*Deer (Muzzleloader)	September 19	September 24			
Split Season	December 12	December 17			
*Deer (Youth/Class Q/QQ)	October 29	October 29	1		
Split Season	December 26	December 27	1	2	2
*Bear (Archery)	October 15	November 19	Refer to 2011-2012 Hunting and Trapping Regulations Summary available in July 2011 for specific information.		
*Bear (Gun) (Selected Counties)	September 26	September 28			
	September 26	October 1			
	November 21	December 3			
	December 5	December 31			
*Turkey, Fall (Selected Counties)	October 22	October 29	1		
	October 22	November 5			
	October 22	November 19			
*Turkey (Spring 2012 - Bearded Only)	April 23	May 19	1	2	2
*Turkey (2012 Youth Season)	April 21	April 21	1 - counts towards spring season bag limit of two		
Squirrel (Gray, Black, Albino and Fox)	September 10	January 31	6	24	None
Small Game (Youth Season)	October 1	October 1			
Ruffed Grouse	October 15	February 29	4	16	None
Bobwhite Quail	November 5	January 7	3	9	None
Cottontail Rabbit	November 5	February 29	5	20	None
Snowshoe or Varying Hare	November 5	February 29	2	8	None
Ring-necked Pheasant (cock birds only)	November 5	January 7	2	2	None
Hillcrest WMA (cock birds only)	November 12	December 3	1	1	None
Raccoon (Hunting) The bag limit during an 11-hour period beginning at 6 p.m. and ending at 5 a.m. is four raccoons for each person or groups of persons hunting as a party.	October 15	February 29	4	None	None
Raccoon (Trapping)	November 5	February 29	None		
Red Fox, Gray Fox (Hunting and Trapping)	November 5	February 29	None		
*Bobcat (Hunting and Trapping)	November 5	February 29	3		
Mink, Muskrat (Trapping)	November 5	February 29	None		
*Fisher (Trapping)	November 5	January 31	1		
*Beaver (Trapping)	November 5	March 31	None		
*Otter (Trapping)	November 5	February 29	1		
Crow - Split Season Nuisance Crows - crows committing depredations upon ornamental or shade trees, agricultural crops, home gardens, livestock, or wildlife, or when concentrated so as to constitute a health hazard and or other nuisance may be killed at any time.	October 1	November 19	None		
	January 2	March 3			
Coyote (Hunting - day)	Continuous Open Season		None		
Coyote (Hunting - night)	January 1	July 31			
Skunk, Opossum, Woodchuck, Weasel, English Sparrow, European Starling and Pigeon (Hunting)	Continuous Open Season		None		
Skunk, Opossum, Coyote, and Weasel (Trapping)	November 5	February 29			
Mountain Lion, Elk, Song and Insectivorous Birds, Owls, Hawks, Falcons and Eagles			No Open Season		
Geese, Ducks, Mourning Doves, Gallinules, Rails, Woodcock, and Common Snipe		Harvest Information Program (HIP) registration required. See WVDNR Migratory Bird Hunting regulations available in September.			
* Must be checked at an official game checking station ** December 4 Closed					